

**CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION[161]**

**Notice of Intended Action**

**Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”**

**Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.**

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 216.5, the Iowa Civil Rights Commission hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 2, “General Definitions,” Iowa Administrative Code.

These amendments define terms relating to a new form of filing documents with the Commission.

Any interested persons may make written comments on the proposed amendments on or before 4:30 p.m. on April 6, 2010. Written comments should be addressed to the Iowa Civil Rights Commission, Grimes State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319. Comments may also be submitted by fax to (515)242-5840 or by E-mail to [ralph.rosenberg@iowa.gov](mailto:ralph.rosenberg@iowa.gov).

A public hearing will be held in the Commission Office, First Floor South, Grimes State Office Building, East 14th and Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa, from 2 to 4 p.m. on April 6, 2010. At this time, persons may present their views either orally or in writing. Any persons who intend to attend the public hearing and have special requirements, such as those related to hearing or mobility impairments, should contact the Commission and advise of specific needs.

The proposed amendments are subject to the Commission’s general waiver provisions found at 161—Chapter 15.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code Supplement sections 216.15(3) and 216.15(4).

The following amendments are proposed.

ITEM 1. Adopt the following **new** subrule 2.1(17):

**2.1(17)** The term “electronic filing” shall mean submission of documents via the online case management system established and utilized by the commission or via another online system. The commission may require proof to ensure the accuracy and validity of online filings, including additional written verification of the veracity and accuracy of documents filed online. Senders shall include in the subject line of the E-mail the case number, if one exists, and a brief description of the submission. Filings by E-mail must be delivered to a valid E-mail address of current commission staff.

ITEM 2. Adopt the following **new** subrule 2.1(18):

**2.1(18)** The term “electronic signature” shall mean that a person attests to the validity of the electronic documents. Electronic signatures accompany various forms of electronic submissions including, but not limited to, E-mails and submissions made online through the case management system. The commission may permit and accept electronic signatures in E-mails, depending on the type of document. An electronic signature in the case management system consists of a person’s name typed and submitted into the designated field.

ITEM 3. Adopt the following **new** subrule 2.1(19):

**2.1(19)** The terms “written” and “in writing” shall mean the creation of words, phrases, or sentences by any means including, but not limited to, pen and paper, typewriter text, computer discs, computer text, electronic text and any other medium.